The height of the perimeter wall is as per the laid down standard.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to ensure the safety of all the airports in the country, *inter-alia* include:

(i) Surveillance and patrolling of the perimeter wall.

(ii) Stricter access control and through pre-embarkation security checks.

(iii) Deployment of CISF and Quick Reaction Teams (QRT)

(iv) Screening of baggage.

IA Flights on New Delhi-Jabalpur-Gwalior Route

†1341. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian airlines have stopped its flights IC-437 and IC-438 which were operated on New Delhi-Jabalpur route *via* Gwalior;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce these flights once again; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Appointment of CMD in AI

1342. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India continues to be without a permanent CMD inspite of the urgent need to boost the management of the airlines, which is incurring losses; and

(b) if so, what are the Government's plans to appoint a CMD to this airlines?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) the post of part-time Chairman of Air India Limited has never been vacant. Presently the same has been held by Shri K. Roy Paul, Secretary (CA) who was appointed as part-time chairman *w.e.f.* 10.4.2002. The post of Managing Director, Air India became vacant on 01st December 2001 consequent upon the superannuation of shri M.P. Mascarenhas. Shri J.N. Gogoi, Deputy Managing Director, Air India has been holing the additional charge of the Managing Director, Air India *w.e.f.* 1.12.2001. The process for filling up the post of MD, Air India on regular basis has already been started.

Development Projects in Assam

1343. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects taken up for development of Civil Aviation in Assam during the last three years, till date:

(b) the details of the projects completed/under progress and likely to be completed during the above period;

(c) the total amount of funds sanctioned/released and utilized for each project so far; and

(d) the effective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Following projects undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) during the last three years in Assam have been completed/undertaken:

GUWAHATI—Expansion and modification of Terminal building, strengthening of existing runway and associated pavements to make it suitable for B-747 class of aircarft—Rs. 55.18 crores was sanctioned and Rs. 48.94 crores was released and utilized;

JORHAT—Construction of new link taxi-way—Rs. 1.09 crores was sanctioned and Rs. 0.95 crore was released and utilized;

LILABARI—Strengthening and extension of runway from 5400 ft. to 7500 ft. and allied works to make it suitable for AB-320 class of aircraft,